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SUBJECT: AID -- WHITE PAPER ON AID POLICY

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1. OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY (ODM) WHITE PAPER  
ON AID POLICY, ENTITLED, "THE CHANGING EMPHASIS IN  
BRITISH AID POLICIES: MORE HELP FOR THE POOREST",  
WAS ISSUED OCTOBER 29 AS ANTICIPATED IN REPAIR.  
ACCORDING TO OCTOBER 30 FINANCIAL TIMES, PAPER OUTLINES  
AN ASSISTANCE STRATEGY WITH THREE MAIN AIMS: (A) BI-  
LATERAL AID TO MSAS WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THOSE  
AFFECTED BY OIL AND OTHER COMMODITY PRICE RISES,  
(B) PROMOTION OF SITUATIONS WHERE CONCESSIONAL AID  
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FUNDS CAN STIMULATE MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM

OTHER COUNTRIES, ENCOURAGING THEREBY DEPLOYMENT OF MULTILATERAL AID TO COUNTRIES WITH PER CAPITA INCOME LESS THAN \$200 PER YEAR, AND (C) CHANNELING MORE BRITISH AID TO POOREST PEOPLE IN MSAS, I.E., A RURAL DEVELOPMENT FMCUS.

2. BOTH THE FT AND LONDON TIMES COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON PAPER, ALTHOUGH THEY CHIDED HMG FOR TARDINESS IN BRINGING OUT A COHERENT AID POLICY STATEMENT (FIRST IN EIGHT YEARS). FT FOUND RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOCUS PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING AND ALSO SPECULATED THAT PAPER'S ACKNOULEGEMENT OF ROLE OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT, COMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL FACTORS WAS INFLUENCE OF ODM MINISTER REG PRENTICE WHO REPLACED MRS. JUDITH HART LAST JUNE. PROBLEM IS, HOWEVER, FT NOTES, THAT UK STILL UNLIKELY TO RAISE AID LEVELS. TIMES LIKED EMPHASIS ON MSAS, "LOW IMPACT" PROJECTS, AND NEW CONCEPTS OF POPULATION CONTROL.

3. WILL POUCH COPIES.

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